

MEMO

To: Armerita Tell
From: Kelly Riley
Date: March 28, 2000
Subject: Dewey L. Herring on behalf of Gulf Coast Education Initiative: SB
3111 (all school board members elected next year)

The Governor's Office received a letter from Mr. Herring, on behalf of the Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium, expressing great concern and displeasure with current legislative efforts to require the election of all school board members, specifically SB 3111.

I prepared correspondence for the Governor's signature acknowledging the consortium's concerns and acknowledging that the Governor will exercise careful study to the impact of all legislation forwarded to him. I copied the letter to all members of the consortium.

This case is closed.

March 29, 2000

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Dear Dewey:

Thank you for your recent letter and comments on behalf of the Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium expressing the Consortium's concern and displeasure with current legislative efforts to require the election of all school board members, specifically SB 3111. I believe that we should appoint school superintendents. The election of school board members is another issue. As you know, many school districts have a system of an appointed superintendent and appointed board members which works fine. However, as with all legislation I receive, I will exercise careful study of SB 3111 and its impact, should I receive it from the Legislature.

Thank for your commitment to bettering our schools and to staying abreast of the issues affecting our schools. I appreciate your service and your comments.

Very truly yours,

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